

## HATHERSAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Leisure, Facilities and Amenities Committee (LFAC) meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2024, 7.30pm at Hathersage Memorial Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Jane Marsden (Chair), Bridget Hanley, Tim Hill, James Marsden, Rosie Olle, Peter Rowland, Heather Rodgers

- 037/24      **Apologies for absence** – none.
- 038/24      **Order of business – any variation** – none.
- 039/24      **Public participation** – no members of the public were in attendance.
- 040/24      **Declaration of interests** – none.
- 041/24      **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2024** were **confirmed**; and actions arising from the minutes (*in the Action Log*) **noted**.
- 042/24      **Playground and Play Equipment** - maintenance, repairs or other matters.
- .1      **Received** the most recent Alliance Environmental Services (AES) inspection report. **Noted** it was agreed at the 2 July HPC meeting to seek a meeting with Alliance Environmental Services (AES) to discuss/address discrepancies between the recent RoSPA annual report and the AES inspection reports, and seek AES advice on some of the RoSPA recommendations **ACTION – Clerk to ask AES date/time of next scheduled inspection and advise Cllrs; if no July AES inspection is scheduled Clerk to ask AES to agree to meet with Cllrs**. Service Level Agreement (SLA) with AES to be considered by full Council after Cllrs meet with AES.
- .2      **Playing Field – top gates – maintenance (re-engineering):** to **consider**. Cllr Hill expanded on the details. Cllrs **agreed** to opt for a metal gate and posts with wire mesh at the bottom. Cllrs discussed other potentially useful design options including a collapsible gate post – design details, and what is feasible, to be discussed with the contractor. Agreed to seek three quotes – two contractors identified; Cllrs to consider/identify a third. Cllr Hill flagged some concerns about ongoing repairs of the playing field wall; agreed Cllrs would review this when they meet with AES [at the playing field].
- 043/24      **MUGA** - maintenance, repairs or other matters. Queried whether the Leisure Services Manager has been able to make the repair to the hole in the surface **Clerk to liaise with LSM**. The Clerk flagged a MUGA item for the September LFAC meeting – 2024-25 charges to MUGA users.
- 044/24      **Hathersage Playing Field Association (HPFA)** – reference made to fundraising initiatives.
- 045/24      **Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan** – standing agenda item – note ongoing initiatives; flag any proposed initiatives. The Chair referenced discussions at full Council about ‘rewilding’ the verge/bank leading up to the Crofts. Cllr Hanley suggested liaising with the school and looking to involve pupils in future initiatives.
- 046/24      **Toilets:** Cllr Hill referenced a recent instance where there was no power supply to the toilets – flagged by one of the cleaners. Cllr Hill had contacted the National Grid in the first instance and commended them for their advice and support and power was restored. Subsequently, local electrician Chris Schofield had investigated and found the electricity meter had been vandalised and the power supply turned off. Queried whether there might have been CCTV coverage of the vandalism incident; noted the camera [at the garage] which might have caught images was not working. Cllrs acknowledged concerns about the security of the meter; Cllr Hill suggested investigating more robust security options. Cllr Hill also flagged an issue with the lock on the disabled toilet (possibly as a result of vandalism) which he had addressed. **Heart of Hathersage (HoH):** referenced the heater in HoH and timer settings – suggested seeking advice from Chris Schofield when he is next attending to address issues at the toilets or any other Parish Council jobs in the village centre. Cllr Rowland referenced that he had previously flagged that estate agents Saxton Mee had placed a sign (in relation to a property in the Crofts, for sale) in the HoH flowerbed. Noted the

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sign was now set aside by the toilets; Cllrs noted it was likely it would be collected shortly – if not, it should be brought to the attention of Saxton Mee.

047/24 **Brook House and Right of Access** – to **review** further correspondence from the owner and **consider** a response. Cllrs **unanimously agreed** a recommendation to full Council, in response to Mr Mee’s request ***ACTION – item for the August HPC agenda; Clerk to inform Mr Mee that the matter will be considered at the 6 August HPC meeting.***

It was further agreed to investigate when the area of land in front of the Parish Rooms was first registered with the Land Registry ***action for the Clerk.***

048/24 **Railway footbridge closure and pedestrians continuing to gain access:** to **consider** (see report). Cllrs noted the concerns raised by a resident. Further noted the matter was nothing to do with the Parish Council but it was agreed to make a formal report of the concerns to the DCC Footpaths Officer ***action for the Clerk.***

049/24 **Burial Ground**

.1 **Capacity** – noted there had been no formal response from the Shuttleworth Trust on making additional land available ***Clerk to prompt/seek a response.***

050/24 **Any other maintenance, repairs or other matters to bring to the Committee’s attention**

.1 **Shuttleworth Lamp** and investigating full maintenance and restoration (see report). Cllr Hill expanded on his research and findings, and the findings of local electrician Chris Schofield on the electricity supply (detailed in the report). Cllr Hill also reported having approached a local contractor about provision of scaffolding so Mr Schofield can investigate the lamp. **Agreed to proceed with hiring the scaffolding to enable Mr Schofield to undertake further investigations as soon as possible.** Cllr Hill commented that access to the wiring [to effect repairs] will be challenging.

In relation to broader lamp maintenance discussed at July HPC (shot-blasting and painting – possibly involving dismantling of the lamp) it was agreed to defer further consideration until Spring 2025.

.2 **New seat on Station Approach** – Cllr Rodgers had approached providers TDP who confirmed they could supply a seat within two-three months - however Cllrs noted a base must be installed first – referenced approaching a local contractor. Cllrs discussed the exact siting of the new seat – agreed that Cllrs Rodgers and Olle undertake a site visit on Wednesday 10 July, 11am.

.3 **Hedge cutting** – **noted** discussions at 2 July HPC about asking DCC and/or residents to cut back hedges. Cllrs Hanley and Rowland identified further sites where hedges/ vegetation needs cutting back ***ACTION – Clerk to write to residents of properties identified [where hedges need to be cut back].***

.4 **Baulk Lane bin and additional village Big Belly bin** – **noted** DDDC agreement to site a new bin on Baulk Lane (details in the report). Cllrs briefly discussed site options for a third Big Belly bin.

051/24 **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence** – none.

052/24 **Next meeting:** noted no committee meetings will be held in August; the next LFAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 8.30pm, Hathersage Memorial Hall (Sampson Room)**; the LFAC meeting will be preceded by the Transport Committee meeting at 7.30pm.

*The meeting ended at 20:30 and was followed directly by a meeting of the Transport Committee*